

January 19, 2016

#### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Idaho Public Utilities Commission 472 West Washington Boise, ID 83702-5983

Attn: Jean D. Jewell

**Commission Secretary** 

RE: Case No. PAC-E-16-02

Proposed Increase to Schedule 191, Customer Efficiency Services Rate

Please find enclosed in the above captioned matter an original and seven (7) copies of Rocky Mountain Power's Application requesting authorization to increase the Customer Efficiency Services Rate, Electric Service Schedule 191.

For informal questions related to this matter, please contact Michael Snow, DSM Regulatory Manager, at (801) 220-4214 or Ted Weston, Idaho State Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (801) 220-2963.

Sincerely,

Bill Comeau

Director, Demand-side Management

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**Enclosures** 

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#### BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR	) CASE NO. PAC-E-16-02
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE SCHEDULE	)
191 - CUSTOMER EFFICIENCY SERVICES	APPLICATION
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COMES NOW, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (the "Company"), and in accordance with RP 052 and RP 201, et. seq., hereby petitions the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for authority to increase the Customer Efficiency Services Rate in Schedule 191 to recover costs associated with acquiring and administering cost effective demand-side management ("DSM") programs in its Idaho service territory.

In support of this Application, Rocky Mountain Power states:

- 1. Rocky Mountain Power is authorized to do and is doing business in the state of Idaho. The Company provides retail electric service to approximately 73,000 customers in the state of Idaho and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility in the state of Idaho pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-129.
- 2. This Application is filed pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-301, 61-307, 61-622, and 61-623. In particular, *Idaho Code* § 61-623 empowers the Commission to determine the propriety of proposed rate schedules, §§ 61-307 and 61-622 require Commission approval

prior to any increase in rates, and § 61-301 requires Idaho retail electric rates to be just and reasonable.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 3. The Company has offered a variety of demand side management programs to its customers since the 1970s. All of the DSM programs offered by Rocky Mountain Power in Idaho have been designed to be cost-effective. On March 2, 2006, the Commission approved cost recovery of DSM programs through Schedule 191, Customer Efficiency Services Rate, which was applied to customers' bills beginning May 1, 2006. The collection rate was originally set at 1.5 percent to allow the Company to implement an enhanced set of programs designed to measure Idaho customers' willingness to participate in DSM programs and the Company's ability to deliver them cost-effectively.
- 4. To manage collection and program expenses during the initial period, the Company tied participation to funding availability for business energy efficiency programs. The collection rate has subsequently fluctuated and is currently set at 2.10 percent. The Company is seeking an increase to the current rate as set forth below.
- 5. In November 2014 the Commission approved<sup>1</sup> the Company's application<sup>2</sup> to consolidate three non-residential energy efficiency programs into one new program called wattsmart Business. This program also increased incentive levels, expanded the tariff to include energy management services and incentives and included a new offer for small businesses.
- 6. These changes were proposed to increase program participation, streamline program delivery for the customer and the Company, increase the comprehensiveness of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order No. 33178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. PAC-E-14-08.

program to reach beyond a capital equipment focus, update the program to align with current codes, standards, third party specifications and market data, and increase small business customer participation

- 7. DSM expenditures increased approximately 38 percent from \$3.2 million in 2014 to \$4.4 million in 2015. This \$1.2 million increase was driven primarily by the wattsmart Business sectors. The increased expenditures produced a corresponding increase in kilowatt-hour savings. Class 2 savings at site increased from 11,410 megawatt hours in 2014 to approximately 15,440 megawatt hours in 2015, or 36 percent. The Company's current forecast for DSM expenditures in 2016 and 2017 ranges from \$4.4 to \$5.0 million per year.
- 8. Currently Electric Service Schedule 191 Customer Energy Efficiency Service rate is 2.10 percent. Attachment A shows that at the current level of 2.10 percent the annual Schedule 191 revenues would be approximately \$3.947 million, significantly below forecasted expenditures.

#### SCHEDULE 191 ADJUSTMENT

- 9. In order to closer align Schedule 191 revenues with projected expenditures the Company proposes to increase the Schedule 191 collection rate from 2.10 percent to 2.70 percent.
- 10. Attachment B summarizes the actual monthly DSM expenditures and Schedule 191 revenue collection through December 31, 2015, with a net receivable balance owed to the Company of \$0.7 million. Attachment B also contains calendar year 2016 projected expenditures and Schedule 191 revenues at the current authorized rate. DSM expenditures for 2016 are projected to be \$4.4 million partially offset by Schedule 191 rate recovery of \$3.9 million producing a net DSM balance of \$1.2 million owed to the Company.

Attachment C contains the same balancing account analysis as Attachment B 11.

except Schedule 191 - Customer Energy Efficiency Service rate is adjusted to 2.70 percent

effective April 1, 2016, as proposed in this Application. Assuming the 2.70 percent rate for

Schedule 191 revenue with an April 1, 2016, effective date the balance in the deferred

account is projected to be under collected by approximately \$280 thousand as of

December 31, 2016.

12. Attachment B indicates that absent an increase to Schedule 191, the DSM

balancing account will be under collected by approximately \$1.2 million as of December 31,

2016. Attachment C summarizes the same balancing account analysis with the Schedule 191

rate proposed in this Application produces an ending balance in the DSM deferred account

projected to be under collected by approximately \$280 thousand.

13. To address the current under collection balance and keep it from continuing to

grow the Company proposes to increase Schedule 191 – Customer Energy Efficiency Service

rate to 2.70 percent which is forecasted to collect approximately \$5.1 million on an annual

basis. Attachment D contains a clean and legislative copy of the Company's revised tariff

sheets for Schedule 191.

COMMUNICATIONS

14. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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In addition, the Company respectfully requests that all data requests regarding this matter be addressed to one or more of the following:

By e-mail (preferred)

datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail

Data Request Response Center

**PacifiCorp** 

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000

Portland, OR 97232

15. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-307 and the Commission's Rule of Procedure

123, regarding the Company's statutory requirement to provide a customer notice prior to

any rate change, the Company has provided copies of the press release and customer bill

insert as Attachment E to the Application. The Company anticipates that the bill inserts will

be included in customer's bills by January 26, 2015 and will continue through a full billing

cycle.

MODIFIED PROCEDURE

16. The Company believes that consideration of the proposals contained in this

Application does not require an evidentiary proceeding, and accordingly the Company

requests that this Application be processed under RP 201 et seq. allowing for consideration

of these issues under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submissions rather than by an

evidentiary hearing. If, however, the Commission determines that an evidentiary proceeding

is required the Company stands ready to provide supporting testimony.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order: (1) authorizing that this proceeding be processed under Modified Procedure, and (2) approving this Application to increase the Electric Service Schedule 191, Customer Efficiency Services Rate, to 2.70 percent as described herein with an April 1, 2016, effective date.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

By

Daniel E. Solander Attorney for Rocky Mountain Power

# Attachment A Estimated Impact of Proposed Schedule 191

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER **ATTACHMENT A** 

# ESTIMATED IMPACT OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE 191 ADJUSTMENT FROM ELECTRIC SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS DISTRIBUTED BY RATE SCHEDULES IN IDAHO HISTORIC 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 2014

					Present	Sch	Sch 191 Revenue			
Line			Average		Rev	Present	Prop	Proposed	Net Change	ange
No.	Description	Sch.	Cust	MWH	*(000\$)	(8000)	(000\$)	%	(8000)	%
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(7)	(8)	(6)	(10)
	Residential Sales									
_	Residential Service	_	42,207	424,153	\$51,481	\$1,081	\$1,390	2.7%	\$309	%9.0
7	Residential Optional TOD	36	14,902	285,516	\$23,482	\$493	\$634	2.7%	\$141	%9.0
3	AGA Revenue				\$3					
4	Total Residential		57,109	409,602	\$74,967	\$1,574	\$2,024	2.7%	\$450	0.6%
5	Commercial & Industrial									
9	General Service - Large Power	9	1,055	270,876	\$24,947	\$524	\$674	2.7%	\$150	%9.0
7	General Svc Lg. Power (R&F)	<b>6</b> A	235	32,618	\$2,746	\$58	\$74	2.7%	\$16	%9.0
8	Subtotal-Schedule 6		1,289	303,494	\$27,693	\$582	8748	2.7%	8166	%9.0
6	General Service - High Voltage	6	12	112,052	\$8,109	\$170	\$219	2.7%	\$49	%9.0
10	Irrigation	10	4,845	555,304	\$56,874	\$1,194	\$1,536	2.7%	\$341	%9.0
=	Comm. & Ind. Space Heating	19	127	6,225	\$460	\$10	\$12	2.7%	\$3	%9.0
12	General Service	23	6,681	133,757	\$15,566	\$327	\$420	2.7%	\$93	%9.0
13	General Service (R&F)	23A	1,586	19,973	\$3,518	\$74	\$6\$	2.7%	\$21	%9.0
14	Subtotal-Schedule 23		8,267	153,730	\$19,084	\$401	\$515	2.7%	8115	0.6%
15	General Service Optional TOD	35	3	1,639	\$131	\$3	\$4	2.7%	\$1	%9.0
16	Special Contract 1	400	_	1,378,699	\$92,732	80	80	0.0%	80	%0.0
17	Special Contract 2	401	-	104,412	\$6,693	80	80	%0.0	80	0.0%
18	AGA Revenue				\$478					
19	Total Commercial & Industrial		14,546	2,615,555	\$212,254	\$2,359	\$3,033	1.4%	\$674	0.3%
20	Public Street Lighting									
21	Security Area Lighting	7	200	251	\$103	\$2	\$3	2.7%	\$1	%9.0
22	Security Area Lighting (R&F)	7A	151	118	\$44	\$1	\$1	2.7%	\$0	%9.0
23	Street Lighting - Company	11	29	66	\$40	\$1	\$1	2.7%	80	%9.0
24	Street Lighting - Customer	12	313	2,366	\$446	6\$	\$12	2.7%	\$3	%9.0
25	AGA Revenue				80					
26	Total Public Street Lighting		694	2,833	\$633	\$13	\$17	2.7%	\$4	0.6%
27	Total Sales to Ultimate Customers		72,348	3,328,057	\$287,854	\$3,947	\$5,075	1.8%	\$1,128	0.4%
	*Including 2014 base revenue at present rate and estimated ECAM revenue.	t rate and	l estimated E0	CAM revenue.		Sch 191 Rate	Rate			

<sup>\*</sup>Including 2014 base revenue at present rate and estimated ECAM revenue.

Present	Proposed
2.10%	2.70%

### Attachment B

Demand-Side Management Balance Account Analysis Using Current Rate of 2.1%

Attachment B
Idaho Demand-Side Management Balance Account Analysis
Using current rate of 2.1%

	Monthly Program Costs - Fixed Assets	Accrued Costs Balance	Rate Recovery	Carrying Charge	Cash Basis Accumulated Balance	Accrual Basis Accumulated Balance	Customer Deposit Rate
2011 totals	2,669,984	380,980	(5,356,975)	24,350	1,183,202	1,564,182	
2012 totals	3,371,757	(61,566)	(5,245,005)	(121)	(690,167)	(370,753)	
2013 totals	3,815,666	(36,097)	(4,024,339)	(10,042)	(908,882)	(625,566)	
January	199,728	(35,032)	(274,741)	(789)	(984,684)	(736,399)	1.00%
February	277,055	(97,033)	1,184,794	(211)	476,955	628,206	1.00%
March	267,760	1,897	(215,906)	419	529,227	682,376	1.00%
April	272,076	(11,315)	(203,781)	469	597,991	739,825	1.00%
May	170,588	23,832	(264,860)	459	504,178	669,843	1.00%
June	325,554	(18,826)	(490,453)	351	339,629	486,468	1.00%
July	193,932	41,276	(583,010)	121	(49,327)	138,788	1.00%
August	213,804	91,181	(520,272)	(169)	(355,964)	(76,668)	1.00%
September	315,637	(22,472)	(318,779)	(298)	(359,405)	(102,580)	1.00%
October	223,462	13,618	(243,510)	(308)	(379,761)	(109,319)	1.00%
November	224,967	244,026	(228,009)	(318)	(383,121)	131,348	1.00%
December	476,261	(11,622)	(247,787)	(224)	(154,871)	347,975	1.00%
2014 totals	3,160,823	219,529	(2,406,315)	(498)	(104,071)	047,070	1.0070
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January	196,397	(31,425)	(256,901)	(154)	(215,529)	255,892	1.00%
February	419,568	(75,285)	(222,120)	(97)	(18,178)	377,959	1.00%
March	411,785	(373)	(200,202)	73	193,478	589,242	1.00%
April	580,982	(225,671)	(207,514)	317	567,263	737,356	1.00%
May	203,541	223,405	(310,098)	428	461,134	854,632	1.00%
June	486,112	(122,743)	(378,575)	429	569,100	839,855	1.00%
July	246,092	56,391	(628,494)	315	187,013	514,159	1.00%
August	342,460	97,403	(434,222)	118	95,369	519,918	1.00%
September	451,406	(21,308)	(419,729)	93	127,139	530,379	1.00%
October	355,845	(56,342)	(277,156)	139	205,966	552,865	1.00%
November	348,534	(54,443)	(235,459)	219	319,261	611,717	1.00%
December	352,648	15,300	(265,280)	302	406,931	714,687	1.00%
2015 totals	4,395,370	(195,090)	(3,835,750)	2,182			
January	388,236		(264,352)	391	531,207	838,963	1.00%
February	358,166		(228,562)	497	661,308	969,065	1.00%
March	358,166		(206,008)	614	814,080	1,121,837	1.00%
April	391,701		(213,533)	753	993,002	1,300,758	1.00%
May	362,841		(319,092)	846	1,037,597	1,345,353	1.00%
June	362,841		(389,555)	854	1,011,737	1,319,493	1.00%
July	396,701		(646,723)	739	762,454	1,070,211	1.00%
August	367,841		(446,816)	602	684,081	991,838	1.00%
September	359,091		(431,902)	540	611,810	919,567	1.00%
October	384,018		(285,195)	551	711,185	1,018,941	1.00%
November	354,091		(242,288)	639	823,627	1,131,383	1.00%
December	352,587		(272,974)	720	903,960	1,211,716	1.00%
2016 totals	4,436,283	_	(3,947,000)	7,746	200,000	1,211,716	1.0070
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## Attachment C

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April	391,701		(274,558)	727	931,951	1,239,707	1.00%
May	362,841		(410,285)	757	885,264	1,193,021	1.00%
June	362,841		(500,885)	680	747,901	1,055,657	1.00%
July	396,701		(831,547)	442	313,497	621,253	1.00%
August	367,841		(574,510)	175	107,003	414,759	1.00%
September	359,091		(555,334)	7	(89,233)	218,523	1.00%
October	384,018		(366,700)	(67)	(71,982)	235,775	1.00%
November	354,091		(311,531)	(42)	(29,463)	278,293	1.00%
December	352,587		(350,986)	(24)	(27,887)	279,870	1.00%
2016 totals	4,436,283		(4,875,258)	4,157	(27,007)	219,010	1.00 /6
2010 totals	7,430,203		(7,070,200)	7, 107			

# Attachment D Proposed Revisions to Schedule 191



I.P.U.C. No. 1

Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 191 Canceling Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 191

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER**

#### **ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 191**

#### STATE OF IDAHO

#### **Customer Efficiency Services Rate Adjustment**

**PURPOSE**: The Customer Efficiency Services Rate Adjustment is designed to recover the costs incurred by the Company associated with Commission-approved demand-side management expenditures.

**APPLICATION**: This Schedule shall be applicable to all retail tariff Customers taking service under the Company's electric service schedules.

**MONTHLY BILL**: In addition to the Monthly Charges contained in the Customer's applicable schedule, all monthly bills shall have the following percentage increases applied prior to the application of electric service Schedule 34.

Schedule 1	2.70%
Schedule 6	2.70%
Schedule 6A	2.70%
Schedule 7	2.70%
Schedule 7A	2.70%
Schedule 9	2.70%
Schedule 10	2.70%
Schedule 11	2.70%
Schedule 12 – Street Lighting	2.70%
Schedule 12 – Traffic Signal	2.70%
Schedule 19	2.70%
Schedule 23	2.70%
Schedule 23A	2.70%
Schedule 24	2.70%
Schedule 35	2.70%
Schedule 35A	2.70%
Schedule 36	2.70%

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ISSUED: January 19, 2016 EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2016



I.P.U.C. No. 1

Fifth Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 191
Canceling Fourth Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 191

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Schedule 1	2.1070%
Schedule 6	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 6A	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 7	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 7A	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 9	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 10	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 11	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 12 – Street Lighting	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 12 – Traffic Signal	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 19	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 23	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 23A	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 24	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 35	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 35A	2. <del>10</del> 70%
Schedule 36	2. <del>10</del> 70%

Submitted Under Case No. PAC-E-14-07PAC-E-16-02

ISSUED: December 9, 2014 January 19, 2016 EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2016 December 3, 2014

## Attachment E Press Release and Customer Bill Insert



For information, contact: Media Hotline: 800-775-7950

## Rocky Mountain Power proposes increase to recover investment in energy efficiency programs

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. X, 2016—In planning to meet the electricity needs of customers, Rocky Mountain Power works with customers to help them use electricity more efficiently. The utility promotes energy efficiency and programs to coordinate when electricity is used, as well as to reduce overall electrical use to help customers save money. Participation in these programs by Idaho customers has grown and, as a result, the company has invested more in this resource than is currently funded by a Customer Efficiency Services charge, which appears as a line item on the customer bill.

The company proposes to increase the charge for all customer classes (except tariff contracts) from 2.1 percent to 2.7 percent of each customer's bill. If approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the 0.6 percent increase would add about 61 cents to a typical residential customer's monthly bill. At its current level, the charge generates about \$3.9 million to fund the programs. If approved, the surcharge would generate approximately \$5.1 million. These revenues do not increase company earnings; they allow the company to recover the investment it has already made on behalf of customers to provide energy efficiency programs.

"Customers benefit two ways from these programs," said Tim Solomon the Regional Business Manager in Rexburg. "First, participating customers benefit from lower bills as they take advantage of these programs and use electricity more efficiently. Second, all customers benefit whether they participate in the programs or not because the cost of electricity saved through these programs is about half the cost of electricity generated by a new power plant. It's part of our balanced approach to use a variety of cost-effective methods to provide electricity to our customers."

Programs currently provided for residential customers include cash incentives for energy efficient appliances, improved insulation, energy efficient windows and low income weatherization. For business customers, Energy FinAnswer, FinAnswer Express and Irrigation Energy Services programs provide services and incentives to customers who complete energy efficiency projects. The Irrigation Load Control program focuses on operational coordination of summer

irrigation pumping systems. Specific details of these programs are available on the company's Web site, <a href="https://www.rockymountainpower.net">www.rockymountainpower.net</a>.

The public can comment on the proposed rate change as the commission reviews the application. The commission must approve the proposed change before it can take effect. A copy of the company's application is available for public review at the commission offices in Boise and on it's homepage at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Customers may also subscribe to the commission's RSS feed to receive periodic updates via email. It also is available at the company's offices in Rexburg, Preston, Shelley and Montpelier as noted below:

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#### **About Rocky Mountain Power**

Rocky Mountain Power is one of the lowest-cost electric utilities in the United States, providing safe and reliable service to more than 73,000 customers in Idaho, as well as customers in Utah and Wyoming. As part of PacifiCorp, the company has more than 11,000 megawatts of generation from coal, hydroelectric, natural gas and renewable wind and geothermal power. The company is one of the largest owners of wind powered generation in the U.S.

#### Keeping You Informed

# Rocky Mountain Power proposes increase to recover investment in energy efficiency programs

## Rocky Mountain Power requests recovery of investment in energy efficiency programs.

On January 15, 2016, Rocky Mountain Power asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to increase the Energy Efficiency Surcharge for all customer classes (except tariff contracts) from 2.1 percent to 2.7 percent of each customer's bill. This rate increase will not increase company earnings. It only recovers the investment the company has incurred to provide energy efficiency programs.

If the 0.6 percent increase is approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission a typical residential customer using 837 kilowatt-hours of electricity would see an increase to its monthly bill of about 61 cents. At the current level, the energy efficiency surcharge generates \$3.9 million to fund the programs. If approved, the increase would generate approximately \$5.1 million annually.

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